

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Giuliano: \$20,000 Grant Okayed for Town Woods Playground Project**



A \$20,000 state grant has been approved to help pay for the construction of a playground at the Town Woods Athletic Fields in Lyme and Old Lyme, state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, announced today.

“Parent-volunteers from Lyme and Old Lyme who have been working on and raising funds for the playground project for the last few years will be pleased to learn that a \$20,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant that will be used to buy equipment and install ramping in the handicapped portion of the playground has been approved. The Town Woods playground is a grassroots, community-wide project that has been spearheaded by dedicated volunteers whose goal is to provide a safe, handicapped-accessible playground for families from both communities. I’m glad I was able to help secure this grant,” Representative Giuliano said.

“We are so thrilled to be receiving this grant! So many people worked behind the scenes and this whole project would not have been possible without everyone’s help. Katie Balocca and Teri Lewis started the ball rolling three years ago-and now we are close to complete. Our community came together to give our children a safe and fun place to play. This was a wonderful project to work on,” members of the Town Woods Volunteer Playground Committee said.

The volunteers need to raise \$35,000 to install equipment, put down enough mulch to satisfy safety regulations, and fence in the playground area. In 2003, the group raised enough money (\$15,000) from private donations and fund-raising events to enable GameTime Inc. to match them dollar for dollar toward the \$30,000 cost of two play units and a double swing bay for the playground, said Donna Dean, of Old Lyme, a playground committee volunteer.